

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

1. (Currently Amended) A cart for safely transporting and storing a single, large, vertically-oriented, cylindrically-shaped canister having a horizontally-oriented base, wherein the vertical and horizontal orientations of the canister and its base, respectively, are constantly maintained throughout the transporting and storing of the canister, said cart comprising:

a stable base comprising;

a bottom platform, and

four wheels operatively connected by respective four wheel brackets to said stable base and configured to support the weight of the canister, the wheel brackets are rigidly positioned on the stable base, wherein said stable base receives and supports the horizontally-oriented base of the canister at a low center of gravity in which the bottom of the base of the canister is below the top of the wheels;

~~wherein said stable base is configured to receive and support the horizontally-oriented base of the canister;~~

two U shaped side rails forming four legs extending upwardly from and rigidly secured to said stable base, each leg being positioned above a respective one of said wheels; and

a circumferential metal band removably attached to said side rails and configured as a C-clamp to encircle and secure from movement the canister, within said cart, said band at an elevation above the horizontally-oriented base of the canister.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The cart of claim 1, wherein each of said two side rails comprises a first tab, said band comprising two second tabs each adapted to engage a respective one of said first tabs, fastening means for rigidly fastening together each first tab with its respective second tab, said first and second tabs being of sufficient dimension to provide a respective gap between side rail and canister to avoid pinching an operator's fingers ~~for attaching said band to said side rails.~~

4. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 1, wherein said side rails comprise stainless steel tubing.

5. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 1, wherein said bottom platform comprises stainless steel plate.

6. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 1, wherein said wheels are casters.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A method for safely transporting and storing a single, large, vertically-oriented, cylindrically-shaped canister having a horizontally-oriented base, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) raising an empty canister utilizing an industrial lifting device;

(b) positioning the canister above a cart;

(c) lowering the canister onto a stable base of the cart, wherein the stable base comprises four wheels;

(d) encircling the canister with a circumferential band;

(e) attaching the circumferential band to the cart to form a canister assembly;

(f) filling the canister with liquid; and

(g) manually pushing, and constantly maintaining, the canister assembly on all four wheels to a desired location for use and/or storage, wherein the vertical and horizontal orientations of the canister and its base, respectively, are constantly maintained throughout the transporting and storing of the canister.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 in which a further step is provided between step (e) and (f) which includes tightening the circumferential band to firmly grip the canister.

10. (New) The method of claim 9 including the further steps of:

(h) determining when the canister requires refilling,

(i) maintaining the canister in an upright vertical orientation within the canister assembly and refilling the canister and continuing with step (g) in manually pushing, and constantly maintaining the canister assembly on all four wheels for use and/or storage,

(j) removing the band from the canister and lifting the canister out of the cart when the canister or cart require maintenance and repair.

11. (New) The cart of claim 1 wherein said stable base has vertical sidewalls extending from said bottom platform to receive the bottom of the canister and prevent sideways movement of the canister.